

WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR WISCONSIN BAY AREA COUNTIES

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Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Decline during July

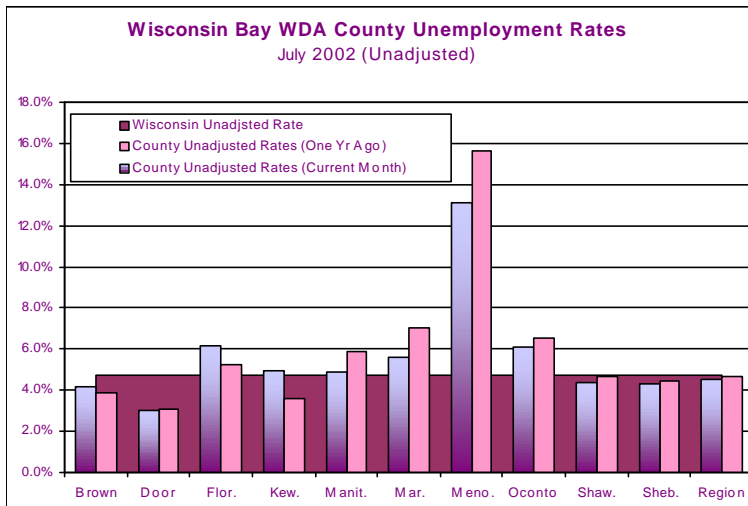
The seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates for the Wisconsin Bay Area decreased in all of the area's ten counties. This in line with normal seasonal pattern experience in the area for the month of July. This follows an increase in the rates during June, which while not unusual for the month was disappointing for an economy trying to recover.

The unadjusted rate for the Wisconsin Bay Area declined 0.6 tenths of a percentage point to 4.5 percent. The drop in the rate brought the level back to just below the May rate of 4.6 percent and is the lowest level so far this year. February had the highest level at 7.2 percent.

Labor force growth remained sluggish during the month as the number of workers available dropped 300 to 352,000 for the region. Typically, July is not a month of growth for the labor force. Normally most workers enter the labor force between March and June. Those that do not find work tend to drop out during July. Overall, though, the number of workers remained above last year by 1,500. This is a decline from June, when the labor force exceeded one year ago levels by 4,000.

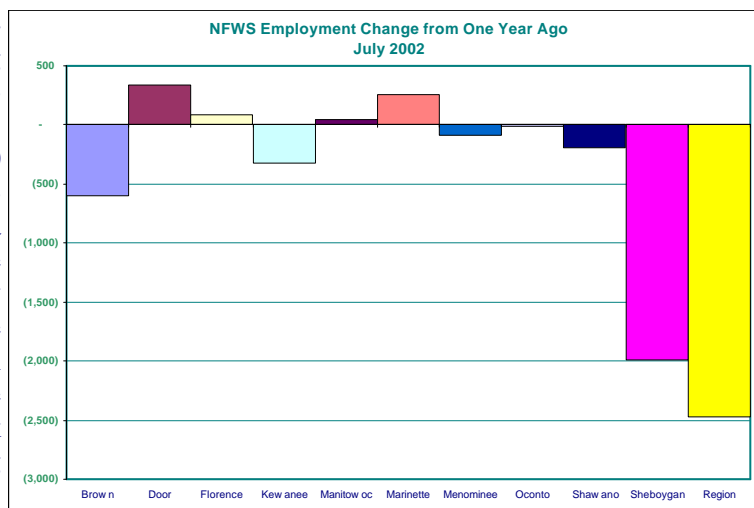
The number of workers employed increased by 1,800 from June. Total employment in the region was

336,000, an increase of 1,900 from last June. Like the last several months, a large part of the increase in employment was related to seasonal jobs. Much of the employment growth is expected this time of year. Brown County had the largest over the year increase in employment in the region with an increase of 2,300 to 137,400, and a monthly increase 400. Marinette and Sheboygan Counties were the only counties with a decrease in the number employed over the month. Both had a decline of 100 during the month.



In July, the number of nonfarm wage and salary (NFWS) jobs dropped by 3,300. Most of the job loss during the month occurred in Sheboygan and Brown Counties.

Brown County's NFWS employment was down 1,600 from June, while Sheboygan was down by 1,000. The decline in NFWS employment is consistent with state-wide patterns which declined by 24,000 in June. The majority of the decline in NFWS employment occurred in government and most likely represents the education sector with schools closing for the summer. Typically, this should be added back in with the release of September data.



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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates for July

The seasonally adjusted rate was up slightly in the Green Bay MSA. The rate increased by 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.3 percent. This was 0.3 of a percentage point above last June. The rate in the Sheboygan MSA declined 0.2 of a percentage point to 3.9 percent.

The nation's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.9 percent. The rate in the State of Wisconsin was down 0.2 of a percentage point to 4.7 percent.

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Wisconsin Bay Workforce Development Area												
July 2002	Brown	Door	Florn.	Kewan.	Mantw.	Marntt.	Menom.	Oconto	Shawn.	Sheboy.	Region	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force*	143,400	19,300	1,900	11,100	47,800	22,700	2,500	17,700	20,700	64,900	352,000	3,117,000
Employed	137,400	18,700	1,800	10,600	45,400	21,400	2,100	16,600	19,800	62,100	336,000	2,970,600
Unemployed	6,000	600	100	500	2,300	1,300	300	1,100	900	2,800	16,000	146,400
Unemployment rate(%)	4.2%	3.0%	6.2%	4.9%	4.9%	5.6%	13.1%	6.1%	4.4%	4.3%	4.5%	4.7%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	4.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.9%	N/A	4.7%
Total, all industries**	146,200	16,300	1,300	6,800	39,300	20,500	2,100	10,400	12,600	62,100	317,700	2,847,300
Construction & Mining	9,000	1,000	100	600	1,900	600	0	600	600	2,600	17,000	139,100
Manufacturing	28,300	2,600	300	2,000	14,100	6,600	0	3,200	2,500	25,300	84,900	573,600
Transportation & Public Util.	11,200	300	0	400	2,300	900	0	400	500	1,700	17,800	129,500
Wholesale Trade	7,900	300	0	200	1,000	600	0	100	400	2,000	12,600	139,600
Retail Trade	25,900	4,600	400	1,100	6,100	3,600	100	1,900	2,600	9,200	55,400	512,900
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	10,400	800	0	300	1,000	600	0	200	400	2,000	15,800	154,700
Services	36,900	5,100	200	1,300	8,700	5,600	0	2,100	2,900	13,200	76,000	810,000
Government	16,700	1,700	300	1,000	4,300	1,800	1,900	1,800	2,600	6,100	38,100	388,000
Change from previous month												
Civilian Labor Force*	-400	800	0	0	-300	-300	0	-100	0	-200	-300	3,300
Employed	400	900	0	0	300	-100	100	100	200	-100	1,800	16,100
Unemployed	-800	-100	0	0	-500	-100	0	-200	-200	-100	-2,100	-12,800
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.6%	-0.6%	-1.0%	-0.3%	-1.1%	-0.5%	-1.8%	-0.9%	-0.9%	-0.2%	-0.6%	-0.4%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	0.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.2%	N/A	-0.2%
Total, all industries**	-1,600	500	0	-100	-400	-500	100	-100	-100	-1,000	-3,300	-24,000
Construction & Mining	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	2,300
Manufacturing	-100	0	0	0	200	0	0	0	0	100	200	0
Transportation & Public Util.	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100	-3,100
Wholesale Trade	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100
Retail Trade	-300	500	0	0	-100	-100	0	0	0	0	-100	1,400
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	800
Services	-200	300	0	0	-100	100	0	0	0	-300	-200	3,300
Government	-1,300	-200	0	-100	-400	-500	0	-100	-100	-800	-3,600	-28,600
Change from year ago												
Civilian Labor Force*	2,300	600	200	-300	100	200	-100	0	-300	400	1,500	56,400
Employed	1,700	600	100	-500	600	500	0	100	-200	-300	1,900	50,500
Unemployed	500	0	0	100	-500	-300	-100	-100	-100	-200	-400	5,800
Unemployment rate(%)	0.3%	-0.1%	1.0%	1.4%	-1.0%	-1.5%	-2.6%	-0.4%	-0.3%	-0.2%	-0.1%	0.1%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	0.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.1%	N/A	0.1%
Total, all industries**	-600	300	100	-300	0	300	-100	0	-200	-2,000	-2,500	12,000
Construction & Mining	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-500	0	1,600
Manufacturing	-900	0	0	-200	-100	0	0	-300	0	-1,100	-2,600	-14,800
Transportation & Public Util.	100	0	0	0	200	0	0	0	0	0	200	-2,100
Wholesale Trade	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	300
Retail Trade	800	200	0	0	100	100	0	0	0	0	1,300	4,000
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	-500	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-400	2,500
Services	-900	100	0	0	0	300	0	100	-100	-300	-800	19,900
Government	200	0	0	-100	-100	-100	-100	100	-200	-100	-300	600

* Includes participants residing in area. ** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted.

Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFWS data is benchmarked to 3/2001

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